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(7) All the inhabitants of the Station for the purposes

Para 3 of the Rules 'D' of Municipal election rules are divided into the following four classes:-

1. Europeans & Eurasians
2. Mahomedans
3. Hindus & others
4. Indian Christians

and each such class elects separately its own representatives.

(8) The committee constituted under Rule 18 decided that Mr. Lazar's name should be included in the list for -- "Hindus & others" as Armenia is a part of Asia and an Armenian, therefore, cannot be styled European, neither can he be called an Anglo-Indian or Eurasian. The -- President says that the committee could not see how the case of Armenians differed from that of the Jews and -- Parsis who are also entered in the list for "Hindus & others"

S.N. 4 File 1130/34 'F' (4) A separate seat has been given to the Adi-Dravidas but as the number of Armenians in the Station seems to be very small it does not seem necessary to consider the question of allotting a separate seat for the Armenians also.

also.

(10) If approved Mr. Lazar may be informed that the -- Hon'ble the Resident has given full consideration to his representation but regrets that under the existing -- election rules he does not see his way to interfere with the decision arrived at by the committee constituted -- under Rule 18 of ~~the election~~ those rules.

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I think that for purposes of election rules the question is not so much one of origin of the race as of parentage and domicile of the individual; and for this reason the Committee constituted under Rule 18 appear to have made the correct decision. An Armenian who has no connection with Europe cannot properly claim to be a European; and he can only claim to come in under the heading of "others". A Jew may or may not be a European, according to his domicile;

domicile; and in certain circumstances the same might very well apply to an Armenian. We may reply as proposed in para 10 ? (A copy of our reply should be endorsed to President, Municipal Commission

Rose
19.7.35

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(from para 7)
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I agree with Secretary's reasoning. Mr. Lezar does not claim to have any connection with Europe. We may reply as proposed.

Rose
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Draft submitted.

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Please acknowledge the
like necessary action.

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"BON ACCORD",
No.23, Davis Road,
Richards Town,
Bangalore, 21st Jan: 35.

To

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Col. C.T.C. PLOWDEN, C.I.E.,
The Hon'ble The Resident in Mysore,
Bangalore.

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.
BANGALORE.
23 JAN. 1935
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Sir,

I beg to place the following facts before you for your kind consideration and trust that in the light of the data herein set forth you will be good enough to request the President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore to go into the matter de novo and submit his recommendations to you.

In August 1933, I decided to stand for election as a Municipal Commissioner for No.V Division and had secured the majority of voters. The Municipal Commissioner at the time, of that Division, Mr. A.E. Hutchins, finding that to be so, wrote to the President, Municipal Commission, objecting to my being permitted to stand for election, on the ground that I am an Armenian. I therefore received a notice from the President, Municipal Commission, stating that the objection would be considered by the Committee constituted under Rule 18 of the Election Rules at 8-30 A.M. on the 12th August 1933 and requesting me to be present. I attended the meeting and in support of my contention that Armenians should be placed in the category of Europeans, I read to the President the following extract from an article entitled "Armenians in America" which appeared in the "Statesman" of 11-12-1927. "The fact that Armenia is geographically located in Asia has given rise in the thoughts of some people to the erroneous impression that the Armenians are an Asiatic people. Many Americans through lack of racial knowledge have considered the Armenians identical with the Greeks, Persians, Bulgarians, Roumanians, Syrians and Jews; still others have thought of the

the Armenians as "Christianized Turks". Armenians, however, are none of these. They differ from all of them in race, language, religion and racial characteristics. The testimony of the world's greatest Historians, Philologists and Anthropologists has proved, beyond any question of doubt, that the Armenians belong to the Aryan race, which is divided into three main branches Viz:-

(1). The Nordic.

(2). The Alpine.

(3). The Mediterranean.

Armenians belong to the Denarian family of the Alpine branch. The original home of the Alpine branch of the Aryan race is central Europe.

Just as the white man supplanted the Indians in America, so the Armenians, centuries before the Christian Era, migrated from Europe into Asia in search of better location and established themselves, in and around the region of Mount Ararat, where they built the kingdom of Ararat. Armenians are akin to English, French and Germans. In Europe as well as in America, they are easily assimilated, without hesitancy they go to American Churches and intermarry with Americans. They command all the intelligence, energy and virtues of the best European stock because they are a branch of the same tree. Lord Cromwell, called the Armenians, "the intellectual cream of the East," others have called them "the Anglo Saxons of the East;" and still others, "the Frenchmen of the East."

I also read from a copy of the covenant made between the Hon'ble East India Company and the Armenian Colony in Howrah (Bengal) that "Armenians were to enjoy, the same rights, pri-"vileges etc., as they were Englishmen born."

In conclusion, I remarked that my maternal Uncle, Major Sam, I.M.S. was attached to that Crack Regiment, the 60th

60th (Queen's Royal) Rifles and that he would not have been entertained in that Regiment, if he were not considered a European.

My arguments, however, seemed to fall on deaf ears and I was informed that my name would be removed from the Electoral Rolls of Europeans and Anglo-Indians and included in that of "Hindus and others."

After some trouble, I managed to get the name and address of the Author of the Article, "Armenians in America", and wrote to him at Boston, Mass, U. S. A. giving him the facts of my case. Mr. M.D. Alexanian, the Author, replied as follows:-

"Herewith, I am enclosing the letter of the Clerk of the United States, District Court, District of Oregon. If you write to him and get the "essentials" of the case or the opinion of the court, it will answer your purpose. The "Essentials" of the case establish beyond any question of doubt and conclusively, the facts:-

1). That Armenians are Europeans.

2) That they are white.

3) That they belong to the Denarian branch of the Alpine type of the Aryan race.

All this was proved in court by anthropological, ethnological and philological facts by the sworn statements of famous experts in the sciences.

The Judicial ruling of this case by the United States' court should carry sufficient weight before your Committee and strengthen the validity of your claim."

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

R. LAZAR.

R. Lazar

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THE OFFICE OF THE HON'BLE THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE,

Bangalore, the 20/2/ *1935.*

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A copy of the undermentioned paper(s) is forwarded to the President, Munl. Commission, C.& M. Station, Bangalore, for favour of remarks.

for information, in continuation of / with reference to the correspondence ending with (his) Memorandum / letter / endorsement from

~~No.~~ , ~~dated the~~

By order, etc.,

~~Secretary~~ / Asst. Secy. to the Resident in Mysore.

List of papers.

,N. 1 pr.pages 3 'A' Letter, Mr. R.Lazar, Richards Town, Bangalore, dated the 21st January 1935.

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With copies of replies received from the Corporations of Calcutta and Bombay and the Secretary, Legislative Department of the Government of Madras).

CIVIL AND MILITARY STATION, BANGALORE,
MUNICIPAL OFFICE,
DATED 17th June 1935.

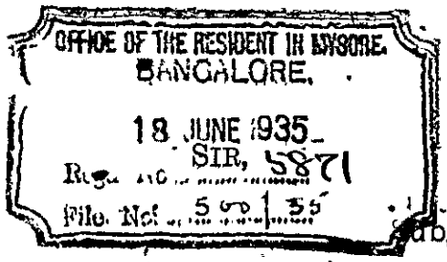
From

F. R. BRISLEE, ESQ., I. C. S.,
President, Municipal Commission,
Civil and Military Station, BANGALORE.

To

The Secretary to the Hon'ble the Resident
in Mysore,

BANGALORE.



Subject:-Representation from Mr. R. Lazar, Richards Town, Bangalore, regarding his election as Municipal Commissioner.

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With reference to the Residency Endorsement No.D.7 35/R.O.I, dated the 20th Februarv 1935. forwarding for my re copy of a representation from Mr. R. Lazar, Richards Town, Bangalore, regarding his election as a Municipal Commissioner, I have the honour to state that the name of Mr. Lazar, an Armenian, was originally included in the European and Anglo-Indian list of 1933 of voters qualified for election as Municipal Commissioners. This was objected to by Mr. A. E. Hutchins, the member of the Commission representing Europeans and Anglo-Indians in the Vth Division, under Rule 17 (b) of the Election Rules. A Committee constituted under Rule 18 heard the objections on the 12th August 1933 and decided that Mr. Lazar's name should be removed from the European and Anglo-Indian list and should be included in the list for "Hindus and Others".

The terms "European", "Eurasion" or "Anglo-Indian" have not been defined in the Bangalore Municipal Law. The Committee, therefore, took the commonly accepted interpretation of the terms Armenia is a part of Asia and an Armenian, therefore, cannot be styled European, neither can he be called an Anglo-Indian or Eurasian. In the circumstances, the only list in which Mr. Lazar's name could find a place was the list meant for "Hindus and Others". Jews and Parsis are entered in the latter

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latter list. The Committee could not see how the case of Armenians differed from that of the Jews and Parsis.

The Electoral Rolls in the Calcutta and Madras Corporations are not prepared on a communal basis. In the Bombay Corporation, the Armenians are not enrolled in the Municipal Election Rolls as they are aliens as defined in the Bombay disqualification of aliens Act, 1918. From a communication received from the Secretary, Legislative Department of the Government of Madras, I understand that the names of Armenians who are not British subjects are not included in the Electoral Rolls for the European and Anglo-Indian constituencies in the Madras Legislative Council. From this, I do not think one can draw the presumption that Armenians who are British subjects are included in the European and Anglo-Indian lists.

In the circumstances, I think it is for the Local Government to decide as to how Armenians should be classified for electoral purposes in the Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

PRESIDENT, M. C.

DIW.
17-6-35.

Letter No.S.536, dated the 24th April 1935, from the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation of Calcutta, Calcutta, to the President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

With reference to your letter No.Gt-9/35, dated the 29th March 1935, I have the honour to inform you that the Calcutta Municipal Act does not at present provide for separate electoral rolls being prepared based on communities and as such we do not prepare voters' lists separately for European and Anglo-Indians and neither for Muhammadans. That being so, the Armenians and all the rest are included within one roll.

'C o p y'.

DIW. K. N. Srinivasan.

Letter No.E1/3486/S.R., dated the 11th May 1935, from the Dy. Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, Bombay, to the President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

With reference to your letter No.GT/9-35, dated the 25th April 1935, inquiring as to how Armenians are classified in the Municipal Election Roll of this Municipality, I have the honour to state that Armenians are not enrolled on the Election Roll of this Municipality as they are aliens as defined in the Bombay Disqualification of Aliens Act, 1918, and are therefore debarred from being members or voters of any of the Local Authorities specified in the Schedule appended to the Act, which includes this Corporation also.

'C o p y'.

DIW. K. N. Srinivasan

Law (Legislative) Department.

No.1313-1.

Letter from the Secretary to the Government of Madras, Madras, dated Fort St.Goegrge, the 8th June 1935, to the President, Municipal Commission, Civil and Military Station, Bangalore.

Elections - Electoral roll - European and Anglo-Indian Constituencies - Inclusion of the names of Armenians - Reference Your letter No.GT.9/35, dated 9th May 1935 to the Collector of Chingleput and Madras -

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I am directed to say that with reference to Rule 7 (1) (a) of the Madras Electoral Rules, the names of Armenians who are not British subjects are not included in the Electoral Rolls for the European and Anglo-Indian Constituences of the Madras Legislative Council.

'C o p y'

K. N. Srinivasan.

DIW.

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To

R.Lazar, Esq.,
'Bon Accord', No.23, Davis Road,
Richards Town, Bangalore.

Subject:- Representation regarding your election as Municipal Commissioner.

Sir,

In continuation of ~~I am directed to refer to~~ my letter No. D.765/35/R.O.I., dated the 5th -- February 1935, I am directed ~~and~~ to say that the - Hon'ble the Resident has given full consideration to your representation but regrets that under the existing Municipal election rules in the C.&M Station of Bangalore he does not see his way to interfere with the decision arrived at by the committee constituted under Rule 18 of those -- rules.

I have etc.,

For Asst. Secy. to the Resident

22/7/35

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Copy forwarded to the President, Munl. Commission, C.& M. Station, Bangalore, for information, with reference to his letter No. G.F.9/35, dated the 17th June 1935.

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